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1 – EPA approves 2 final greenhouse gas permits for planned \$1B resins plant in Corpus Christi, Daily Journal, 11/20/2014

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/55df19ae33fc4591a4d067be589037df/TX--Resin-Plant-Corpus-Christi/> The Environmental Protection Agency has issued two final greenhouse gas permits for a planned \$1 billion resin processing plant in South Texas. The EPA on Wednesday announced the permits for M&G Resins USA for a facility in Corpus Christi.

2 – Advocates assured Caddo Lake is oil-free, News Journal, 11/20/14

http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/advocates-assured-caddo-is-oil-free/article_6f0bea6f-85e0-5166-a9fc-3851ed2f7cf0.html

Environmental officials from Louisiana and a company whose pipeline from Longview spilled 4,500 barrels of crude oil into a Caddo Lake tributary assured lake advocates Wednesday that the pollution never reached the two-state lake.

About 50 members of the Caddo Lake Clearinghouse, a coalition of public and private organizations with a stake in the lake, also learned that giant salvinia is not alone among foreign plants invading the water.

3 – Kilgore College to hire firm to test for asbestos, News Journal, 11/20/2014

http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/kilgore-college-to-hire-firm-to-test-for-asbestos/article_54394863-b10b-5189-a658-31aa185a5b6b.html

Even as the U.S. Senate considers a vote on building the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada to the Kilgore College is working with a contractor to perform air quality tests in several buildings on campus following asbestos violation allegations from one of its employees, officials said Wednesday.

College spokesman Chris Craddock admitted Wednesday that the school has had its own unlicensed workers, including Maintenance Supervisor Rick Murphy, perform “very small” asbestos abatement procedures.

4 – EPA In the Crosshairs as Oklahoma’s Inhofe Gains Sway Over Climate Policy, StateImpact, 11/20/14

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2014/11/20/epa-in-the-crosshairs-as-oklahomas-inhofe-gains-sway-over-climate-policy/>

The Republican wave that put the party back in full control of Congress also put Oklahoma U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe back in charge of the Senate committee that oversees the country’s environmental policies. The political shift in Washington comes at time when — from President Obama’s Clean Power Plan to enforcement of the Regional Haze Rule that’s riled Oklahoma officials — the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a lot of things in the air.



5 – Experts Meet in Oklahoma to Update U.S. Maps With Manmade Earthquake Hazards, State Impact, 11/19/2014

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2014/11/19/experts-meet-in-oklahoma-to-update-u-s-maps-with-manmade-earthquake-hazards/>

Scientists, regulators and technical experts from the energy industry met in Oklahoma to discuss how earthquakes triggered by oil and gas operations should be accounted for on national seismic hazard maps, which are used by the construction and insurance industries and public safety planners. The three-day workshop started Nov. 17 and was co-hosted by the Oklahoma Geological Survey and the U.S. Geological Survey.

6 – Untapped, How graywater could be a conservation method for the masses. (But isn't.), Texas Observer, 11/19/2014

<http://www.texasobserver.org/graywater-conservation-method-texas/>

Rodney Rash is the kind of guy who knows how to make something out of nothing. A former carpenter and electrician, Rash now works as a magician, constructing his own props and offering the plans for free online. He's plugging away at a book on how to build a home for \$35,000. But when he went to go construct a system to recycle water from his sinks, showers and washing machine at his home in Round Rock, Rash was stymied.

7 – DuPont Tragedy One of Many Toxic Gas Releases, Texas Tribune, 11/20/2014

<http://www.texastribune.org/2014/11/20/gas-killed-dupont-workers-not-rare-texas/>

A Saturday morning tragedy introduced Texans to an invisible killer. Methyl mercaptan, a foul-smelling gas, overwhelmed five workers at the DuPont chemical plant in La Porte on Nov. 15, killing four – including two brothers – and sending another to the hospital.

8 – Report: EPA Power Plan Would Save Texas Water, Texas Tribune, 11/19/2014

<http://www.texastribune.org/2014/11/19/report-epa-power-plan-would-save-water/>

As state regulators fret about how President Obama's effort to combat climate change would affect the Texas power grid, a new study says the rules would be simpler to adopt than those regulators suggest – and that it would save the state billions of gallons of water annually. In an analysis released Wednesday, CNA Corporation, a nonprofit research group based in Arlington, Va., said the federal proposal – which requires states to shift from coal power to cut carbon emissions – would slash water use in the Texas power sector by 21 percent.

9 - Oklahoma State University to receive green power award, News OK, 11/20/2014

<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-state-university-to-receive-green-power-award/article/5368378>

Oklahoma State University will receive a Green Power Leadership Award next month from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. OSU is being honored for its commitment to

green power. The university's Stillwater campus got nearly three-quarters of its electricity from wind in 2013. It also has saved more than \$32 million since 2007 through a behavior-based energy conservation program across all five of its campuses.

10 – New maps predict flood risk, Houma Today, 11/19/2014

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20141119/ARTICLES/141119477/0/fast?tc=ar>

Parts of even northern Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes are not safe from flooding under the worst-case scenario storm, according to inundation maps the National Hurricane Center released last week. "You don't have to think very hard about it, just look at your location on the national map to find out if you are in an area at risk for storm surge from a future tropical storm or hurricane," said Brian Zachry, National Hurricane Center storm surge specialist.

11- Contractor identified in Alcoa plant incident, Vitoria Advocate, 11/19/2014

<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2014/nov/19/contractor-identified-in-alcoa-plant-incident/>

Jerry McClelland, 44, died from injuries he sustained while working at Alcoa's alumina manufacturing plant in Point Comfort on Tuesday. McClelland worked for Turner Industries' Beaumont office, said Rick Scardina, the company's chief administrative officer.

12- CBS 11 I-Team Looks At What's In Your Water Tower, CBS 11, 11/19/2014

<http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2014/11/19/water-towers/>

You most likely don't know Ron Perrin. But next time you pour a glass of tap water, you might consider giving him and his crew a toast. Why? Because they work to keep your water clean, as they don diving suits, strap on air masks, and jump into water towers across North Texas, scooping out bacterial sediment that sinks to the bottom of the tank after time.

13 — Does Texas Need a Carbon Tax to Meet EPA Climate Rules?, Green Tech Media, 11/20/14

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/does-texas-need-a-carbon-tax-to-meet-epa-climate-rules>

The Texas grid has (mostly) kept the lights on despite having minimal reserve margins for years. But if ERCOT, which operates the state's grid, implements the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Clean Power Plan to cut carbon dioxide emissions, it will reduce grid reliability in the state even further, according to a new analysis from the council.

14— Texas ranchers claim EPA's plan to redefine 'navigable waters' will hurt cattle industry, SE Texas Record, 11/19/2014

<http://setexasrecord.com/news/299924-texas-ranchers-claim-epas-plan-to-redefine-navigable-waters-will-hurt-cattle-industry>

In a state where cattle is king, a ranchers' association is voicing its opposition to federal guidelines it says would hurt the cattle business. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers objecting to the proposed definition of "Waters of the United States."